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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Todd Barrett for "METHOD FOR PROVIDING
VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATION"
Our Ref: 1092-PA428

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation in Part Application of pending prior Application No. 09/846,879 filed 4/30/2001, entitled "OPTICAL CROSS CONNECT SWITCH."

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed are fifty-eight (58) pages of the specification, including the claims, and twelve (12) sheets of drawings.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>37</u>	-	20 =	<u>17</u>	x \$9 = \$ 153.00*
Independent claims	<u>4</u>	-	3 =	<u>1</u>	x \$40 = \$ 40.00*
Base Fee					\$ 355.00*

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$ 548.00*
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A check for the statutory fee of \$548.00 is NOT attached.

***Small Entity Statement:** The undersigned, as attorney of record on behalf of Applicant, hereby verifies that Applicant qualifies as a small entity pursuant to 37

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C.F.R. § 1.27, and so is entitled to a one-half reduction in applicable fees in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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